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SUBJECT: GKR CREDENTIALS VOTE AT UNESCO 18TH GENERAL  
CONFERENCE

REF: PARIS 22239 (NOTAL) AND PREVIOUS

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES SOUND THINKING OF US PERMDEL IN REFTEL AND CONCRETE SUGGESTIONS IT CONTAINS. WE AND GKR ARE WELL AWARE BOTH OF INADEQUACY PRESENT GKR PERSONNEL IN PARIS TO DO THE NECESSARY SPADE WORK, AND AT THE SAME TIME THE IMPORTANCE OF BEGINNING WORK NOW. IN FACT, ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER HOU HONG HAD CALLED ON AMBASSADOR TO ASK OUR VIEWS PRIOR TO OUR RECEIPT OF REFTEL.

2. GIVEN FACT THAT SMALL QUANTITY OF AVAILABLE EXPERIENCED GKR MANPOWER IS SPREAD VERY THIN, AND THAT MATERIALS AND TACTICS NEEDED TO BE EMPLOYED IN PARIS NOW CLOSELY PARALLEL EFFORT UNDERWAY IN NEW YORK, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT AND USUN ASSESSMENT AS TO WHETHER SOME OF THE DIPLOMATIC TALENT NOW PRESENT IN THE 22-MAN GKR  
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DELEGATION IN NEW YORK COULD BE SPARED IMMEDIATELY FOR

TEMPORARY DESPATCH TO PARIS TO GET THE UNESCO EFFORT UNDER WAY. WHILE EDUCATION MINISTER PAN SOTHI WILL PROBABLY END UP AS THE EFFECTIVE HEAD OF THE GKR UNESCO DEP, HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DEPART PHNOM PENH UNTIL RETURN OF PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET FROM NEW YORK, WHICH WOULD AT BEST BRING FORMER TO PARIS JUST PRIOR TO OPENING OF UNESCO CONFERENCE. IF DEPARTMENT AND USUSN AGREE WITH THIS APPROACH, AND HAVE IDEAS AS TO WHICH KHMERS IN NEW YORK MIGHT BE MOST USEFULLY EMPLOYED IN THIS MISSION, EMBASSY WOULD BE HAPPY TO PASS SUCH ADVICE ALONG TO HOU HONG, WHO CAN THEN ISSUE NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS FROM HERE. ALTERNATIVELY, LONG BORET AND KEUKY LIM MIGHT PREFER TO DEAL WITH THE MATTER DIRECTLY FROM NEW YORK.

3. IN MEANTIME, WE WOULD SUGGEST USUN ASK GKR DELEGATION TO AIR POUCH TO PARIS MATERIALS IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH AS SUGGESTED IN PARA 5, REFTEL (WHICH DEPT PLEASE REPEAT TO USUN).

4. FINALLY, WITH RESPECT TO TACTICS AT UNESCO ON KHMER REP ISSUE, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEW OF THE LINE THAT, INASMUCH AS THE KHMER CREDENTIALS ISSUE HAS NOW BEEN FORMALLY INSCRIBED ON THE 29TH UNGA AGENDA BY THE GENERAL COMMITTEE (USUN 3294 NOTAL), UNESCO AS AN AFFILIATED UN BODY SHOULD POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF THE CREDENTIALS ISSUE UNTIL THE PARENT ORGAN HAS ACTED ON THE QUESTION. WOULD SUCH A POSITION BE ATTRACTIVE TO GENERALLY LESS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED UNESCO DELS WHICH (PARA 4, REFTEL) ARE GENERALLY DRAWN FROM EDUCATION-CULTURE-INFORMATION AREAS AS MEANS OF AVOIDING THIS THORNY QUESTION?  
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